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## Newsletter 5 – 8.10.19

Dear Parents & Carers,

### Curriculum information evening

Thank you to everyone who attended the curriculum information sessions last week. It was wonderful to see so many parents. We hope you have found the sessions useful and informative with regards to the curriculum. As shared at my Headteacher's presentation, I am fully committed to driving school improvement and am very passionate about providing the best educational experience for your child/ren (during the time they are here) and want them to leave Gayton well equipped for the next stage of their education.

The presentations for each year group are now available for you to view on the school website so, if you were unable to come, please do take the time to have a look at the PowerPoint shared. You can find the information under the curriculum tab on the website and then by selecting the individual year groups.

### Cross Country

Well done to our cross country runners who braved the weather on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2019 to race at Arrowe Park. All of our children did exceptionally well with many of them beating their previous personal best. Overall our boys' team came 2<sup>nd</sup> and our girls' team came 2<sup>nd</sup> as well which is absolutely fantastic. Well done to everyone! The next race takes place at Higher Bebbington Park on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019. Mrs Jones (Y6 teacher) will be attending the event as the nominated member of staff.

### 'Who am I?' – F2 workshops

Reminder: F2 'Who am I?' sessions are taking place on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019. Parents should have already have returned the slip indicating which session they would like to come in for. If you're not able to make it, could you please still send your child into school with a baby photograph and a shoe box with 5 items which are special to them so that they can talk about them.

### Parents' Evening:

Our parents' evening electronic booking system has now gone live. Please do make sure that you sign up for an appointment. Many thanks to all the parents who have downloaded the eSchools app. I am hoping that this will really help to improve communication further as messages can be instantly sent to the app and may resolve some of the difficulties that a few parents were having with the email system. If you are still having difficulties, please contact the school office as eSchools are very good at resolving difficulties for individual parents.

Parents' evening is taking place on the following dates:

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2019 3:30pm-7:00pm**

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## Birthday Charity

Following the school council decision for us to have a charity to make donations to when it is a child's birthday, the children have voted across the school and the charity chosen for this year is: The RSPCA.



We will be donating to other charity work across the year, but this will be our main charity for birthday donations. If you would like to make a donation, please do so via Parent Pay. We will be regularly updating parents with regards to how much we have raised for our charity.

## Attendance and Punctuality:

Our school now has an allocated attendance officer who is working with all West Wirral schools. I will be contacting all families where attendance has been a concern (in the previous academic year) to ensure that we can work together to improve your child's attendance.

Last year, our whole school attendance was 96.3%. We are aiming as a school to try and improve attendance to reach 97% this year. Whilst this will be challenging, it is important to recognise how everyone can play a part in us ensuring that we strive to achieve this. In assemblies we will be recognising the children who achieve 100% attendance for a term as well as those who achieve 97%+.

I will also be contacting families where punctuality is an issue. It is vital that your child is in school every day on time so that they don't miss out on valuable learning time. Please do try to make sure that your child is ready to come in via the school gates at 8:50am.

Please remember that term times holidays will not be authorised unless they are due to exceptional circumstances.

## Reminder: PTA AGM event.

Please do come along to the PTA AGM meeting on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 7:15pm**. It would be wonderful to see as many parents as possible at the event! If more parents join the PTA, it really would make a difference as then event organisation becomes so much easier with a larger bank of people to support and it means that you don't have to be involved in organising every event.



## Harvest Celebration:

Our harvest celebration in school will take place for the children on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019 and will be led by St Peter's Church. Please could children begin sending donations into school from week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019. Our donations, this year, will be going to the Food Bank. This is such an important charity providing food donations to individuals and families in crisis. They have specifically requested if any of the following food could be donated as this is what they currently have shortages of:

Tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, jam, tinned tomatoes, cereal, long grain rice, tinned potatoes, UHT milk, Instant mash & rice pudding.

(Please do make sure that you check that all the food donated is in date so that it can be used by the Foodbank.)

Thank you



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### **Aldi Sticker Collection**

Look at our chart! We are doing really well and the sticker chart is filling up nicely! Please keep sending them into school.

### **Lego Church**

Heswall Methodist Church is starting a new initiative for primary school aged children called Lego Church. The main emphasis is to convey key Bible stories in an accessible way for primary aged children and have fun at the same time. Children are welcome to join with their parents directly after school once a month beginning on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October from 3:30pm onwards. Refreshments and toast will be available and parents will have an opportunity to play alongside their children as well as network with other parents.



### **School Car Park**

Please can we remind all parents to make sure that you closely supervise your child when dropping off and collecting them from S4YC. I have seen lots of children and parents walking on the grass verges, which helps, but ultimately the children do need to walk through the car park which is always busy before and after school so please just make sure you are closely supervising them. Please can I remind all parents that you shouldn't be using the school car park in order to drop off and collect children from S4YC.

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards

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